

[portion] sized to pass through said fourth side of said thin, flexible, impervious membrane and to [substantially] mate with the interior ends of said three sides where said two plies are closed[, said formable frame portion contoured inwardly towards the face of the user and adapted to extend about the cheeks and between the nose and upper lip of the user,]; and a stiff, elongated handle[, said handle] extending laterally from said frame [portion] and being sized to be grasped in the hand of the user at a point spaced apart from said frame [portion.], said frame angled inwardly from an axis defined by said handle and contoured to substantially conform about the cheeks and between the nose and upper lip of the user.

Claim 3 (Amended). A face shield according to Claim [2] 1 wherein said thin, flexible, impervious membrane comprises a flexible bag.

Claim 4 (Amended). A face shield according to Claim 1 wherein said [supporting device consists of a] frame [portion] is sized to support said thin, flexible, impervious membrane and [a] said handle portion is sized so that a hand grasping said handle portion will be spaced apart from the lips of the user when the thin, flexible, impervious membrane is positioned in front of the lips of the user.

Claim 12 (Amended). A face shield according to Claim 1 wherein said [supporting device] frame is made of wire or plastic.

Claim 14 (Twice Amended). A face shield for preventing transmission of germs and the like during kissing [consisting

of], the face shield comprising: a continuous one-piece, closed loop deformable [formable] supporting frame with an elongated handle[,], projecting laterally from said frame; and a pliable envelope, consisting of two plies of a pliable membrane joined so as to form said envelope, said envelope being open on one edge wherein said frame is sized to substantially mate with the interior edges of said envelope and to support said envelope in a spaced relation to said handle.

Claims 15 (Amended). A face shield according to Claim 14 wherein said [supporting] frame is sufficiently malleable to permit [it] said frame to be formed to the general contours of the face of the user, yet sufficiently rigid to support said pliable membrane.

Claim 20 (Twice Amended). A method of preventing transmission of germs and the like during kissing [consisting] comprising the steps of: [interposing] providing a thin, flexible, impervious membrane, consisting of plies of a thin, flexible, impervious material closed on three sides and open on a fourth side[, in front of the lips of the kissing person, said membrane being removable mounted upon a supporting device, said supporting device consisting of] ; providing a [formable] deformable frame [portion] sized to substantially mate with said membrane, said [formable] deformable frame [portion contoured inwardly towards the face of the user and] adapted to extend about the cheeks and between the nose and upper lip of [the] a user[,], and including a handle portion extending laterally from said frame [portion], said handle portion being sized to be grasped in the hand of the user at a point spaced apart